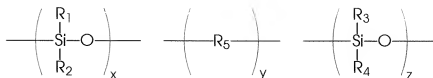


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the amended paragraphs provided below for the indicated pending paragraphs in the specification:

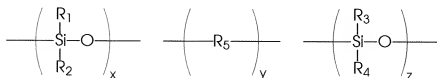
Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at pages 1 to 3:

Copending Application U.S. Serial No. ~~(not yet assigned; Attorney Docket Number D/A03590)~~ 10/679,240, filed concurrently herewith, now U.S. Publication No. 2005/0074618, entitled "Printing Processes Employing Intermediate Transfer with Molten Intermediate Transfer Materials," with the named inventors Clifford R. King and Wolfgang G. Wedler, the disclosure of which is totally incorporated herein by reference, discloses a block of intermediate transfer material for use in a printing apparatus having (a) an intermediate transfer member; (b) an intermediate transfer material applicator for transferring intermediate transfer material from a solid block of intermediate transfer material to form a molten layer of intermediate transfer material on the intermediate transfer member; (c) a marking material applicator situated to apply marking material in an imagewise pattern to the molten layer of intermediate transfer material on the intermediate transfer member; and (d) a transferring apparatus to transfer the imagewise pattern of marking material to a final recording substrate, said block of intermediate transfer material comprising a silicone polymer containing monomers of the formula



wherein R₁ and R₂ each, independently of the other, are hydrogen atoms, hydroxy groups, alkyl groups, aryl groups, arylalkyl groups, or alkylaryl groups, provided that at least one of R₁ and R₂ has at least about 12 carbon atoms, wherein R₁+R₂ have a total number of carbon atoms of no more than about 100, R₃ and R₄ each, independently of the other, are hydrogen atoms, hydroxy groups, alkyl groups, aryl groups, arylalkyl groups, or alkylaryl groups, wherein R₃+R₄ have a total number of carbon atoms of no more than about 20, R₅ is an alkylene group, an arylene group, an arylalkylene group, an alkylarylene group, and x, y, and z each, independently of the others, are integers representing the number of repeat monomer units, wherein either (a) x is at least about 1 and wherein y and z each may be 0 but may also be greater than 0, provided that at least 2 monomer units are present in the silicone polymer, or (b) x may be 0 but may also be greater than 0, y is at least 1, and z is at least 1, wherein the monomers can be either directly bonded to each other or bonded to each other through spacer groups, said block of intermediate transfer material having a surface with a second shape, wherein the second shape is substantially the complement of the first shape. Also disclosed is a printing process which comprises (a) supplying an intermediate transfer material, said intermediate transfer material having a melting point of at least about 30°C, said intermediate transfer material having a melting point of no more than about 90°C; (b)

applying a molten layer of said intermediate transfer material to an intermediate transfer member; (c) applying to the layer of intermediate transfer material a marking material in an imagewise pattern, thereby forming an image on the layer of molten intermediate transfer material; and (d) transferring the marking material from the intermediate transfer member to a final recording substrate, said intermediate transfer material comprising a silicone polymer containing monomers of the formula



wherein R₁ and R₂ each, independently of the other, are hydrogen atoms, hydroxy groups, alkyl groups, aryl groups, arylalkyl groups, or alkylaryl groups, provided that at least one of R₁ and R₂ has at least about 12 carbon atoms, wherein R₁+R₂ have a total number of carbon atoms of no more than about 100, R₃ and R₄ each, independently of the other, are hydrogen atoms, hydroxy groups, alkyl groups, aryl groups, arylalkyl groups, or alkylaryl groups, wherein R₃+R₄ have a total number of carbon atoms of no more than about 20, R₅ is an alkylene group, an arylene group, an arylalkylene group, an alkylarylene group, and x, y, and z each, independently of the others, are integers representing the number of repeat monomer units, wherein either (a) x is at least about 1 and wherein y and z each may be 0 but may also be greater than 0, provided that at least 2 monomer units are present in the silicone polymer, or (b) x may be 0 but may also be greater than 0, y is at least 1,

and z is at least 1, wherein the monomers can be either directly bonded to each other or bonded to each other through spacer groups.

Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at pages 41 to 42:

Figures 1, 2, and 3 are diagrammatical illustrations of an example of a suitable imaging apparatus 10 for forming an image on an intermediate transfer member and subsequently transferring that image from the intermediate transfer member to a final recording substrate. The illustrated imaging apparatus 10 includes an intermediate transfer member 14. An applicator apparatus 51 applies a molten layer of intermediate transfer material 12 to the surface of the intermediate transfer member. A marking material applicator 11 applies marking material in an imagewise pattern onto the molten layer of intermediate transfer material. A transferring apparatus including a transfer roller 22 transfers the imagewise pattern of marking material from the intermediate transfer member onto a final recording substrate ~~18~~28.

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following:

A printing apparatus for applying a marking material to a final substrate, ~~said the printing apparatus comprising having an~~ intermediate transfer member; an intermediate transfer material applicator for transferring intermediate transfer material from a solid block of intermediate transfer material to form a molten layer of

intermediate transfer material on the intermediate transfer member; a marking material applicator situated to apply marking material in an imagewise pattern to the molten layer of intermediate transfer material on the intermediate transfer member; and a transferring apparatus to transfer the imagewise pattern of marking material to a final recording substrate.